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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIR FREIGHT DOWN 3.6 PERCENT IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 31, 1991 -- Air freight decreased 3.6 percent in December, compared with December a year ago, and was down 4.5 percent for 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in December was down 2.6 percent. Mail decreased 6.9 percent, and total cargo decreased 3.9 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight in December was down 4.5 percent, and mail decreased 9.6 percent. Total cargo was down 5.2 percent.

Domestic air freight for 1991 decreased 3.3 percent, while mail registered a 6.5 percent decrease. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, decreased 4.0 percent.

International air freight for 1991 was down 5.7 percent. Mail decreased 3.4 percent, and total cargo was down 5.5 percent.

Revised cargo figures for November, which contain estimates for Pan Am, have also been included.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON MILES
(000s)

	DECEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
FREIGHT AND EXPRESS	385,873	396,250	(2.6)	4,821,868	4,983,982	(3.3)
MAIL	160,033	171,838	(6.9)	1,341,695	1,435,674	(6.5)
TOTAL CARGO	545,906	568,088	(3.9)	6,163,563	6,419,656	(4.0)
INTERNATIONAL						
FREIGHT AND EXPRESS	394,522	413,134	(4.5)	4,840,677	5,133,033	(5.7)
MAIL	62,755	69,413	(9.6)	511,011	528,890	(3.4)
TOTAL CARGO	457,277	482,547	(5.2)	5,351,688	5,661,923	(5.5)
TOTAL						
FREIGHT AND EXPRESS	780,395	809,384	(3.6)	9,662,545	10,117,015	(4.5)
MAIL	222,788	241,251	(7.7)	1,852,706	1,964,564	(5.7)
TOTAL CARGO	1,003,183	1,050,635	(4.5)	11,515,251	12,081,579	(4.7)

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, FEDERAL EXPRESS, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, SOUTHWEST, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON MILES
(000s)

	NOVEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
FREIGHT AND EXPRESS	431,946	431,289	.2	4,435,995	4,587,732	(3.3)
MAIL	116,560	122,533	(4.9)	1,181,662	1,263,836	(6.5)
TOTAL CARGO	548,506	553,822	(1.0)	5,617,657	5,851,568	(4.0)
INTERNATIONAL						
FREIGHT AND EXPRESS	480,656	471,268	2.0	4,446,155	4,719,899	(5.8)
MAIL	51,207	54,717	(6.4)	448,256	459,477	(2.4)
TOTAL CARGO	531,863	525,985	1.1	4,894,411	5,179,376	(5.5)
TOTAL						
FREIGHT AND EXPRESS	912,602	902,557	1.1	8,882,150	9,307,631	(4.6)
MAIL	167,767	177,250	(5.4)	1,629,918	1,723,313	(5.4)
TOTAL CARGO	1,080,369	1,079,807	.1	10,512,068	11,030,944	(4.7)

NOTE: NOVEMBER NUMBERS HAVE BEEN REVISED TO INCLUDE ESTIMATES FOR PAN AMERICAN.

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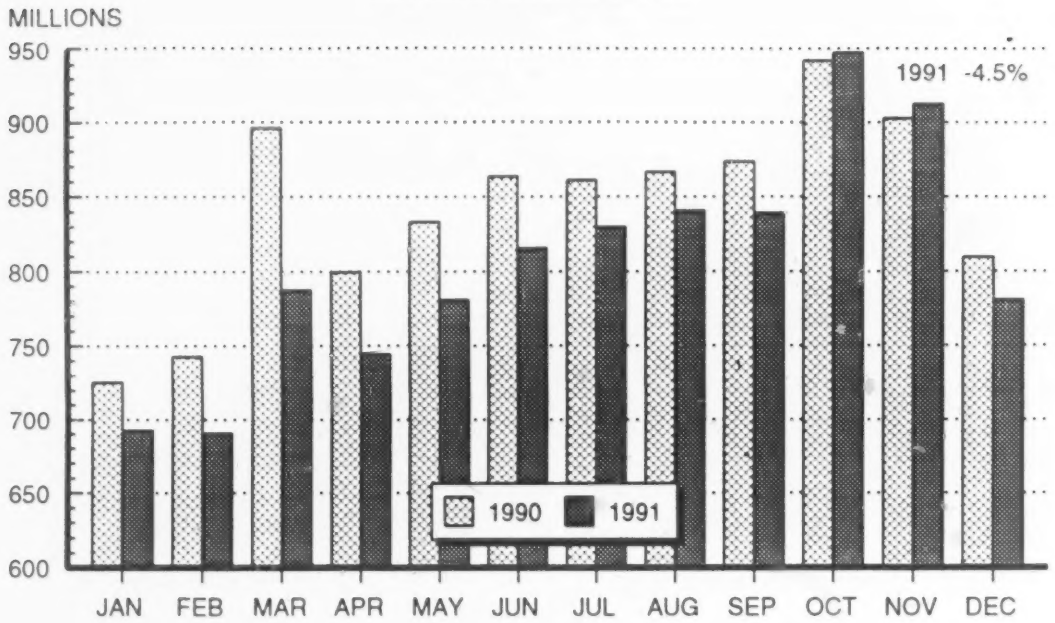
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	FREIGHT REVENUE TON MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	MAIL REVENUE TON MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	TOTAL CARGO REVENUE TON MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE
1990						
January	725,468	1.0	156,384	9.2	881,852	2.3
February	742,567	0.0	144,274	5.6	886,841	0.8
March	896,037	1.7	166,190	3.4	1,062,227	1.9
April	799,654	-5.0	152,805	2.9	952,459	-3.8
May	833,276	0.5	154,636	9.4	987,912	1.8
June	863,683	1.0	149,212	4.3	1,012,895	1.4
July	861,272	1.4	143,373	6.6	1,004,645	2.1
August	866,839	6.6	157,788	5.2	1,024,627	6.4
September	873,575	2.4	151,836	8.1	1,025,411	3.2
October	942,703	3.4	169,565	13.4	1,112,268	4.8
November	902,557	0.8	177,250	11.1	1,079,807	2.4
December	809,384	3.1	241,251	-1.6	1,050,635	2.0
TOTAL 1990	10,117,015	1.4	1,964,564	6.1	12,081,579	2.1
Jan - Nov	10,117,015	1.4	1,964,564	6.1	12,081,579	2.1
1991						
January	692,658	-4.5	162,971	4.2	.855,629	-3.0
February	690,536	-7.0	124,491	-13.7	815,027	-8.1
March	787,577	-12.1	148,250	-10.8	935,827	-11.9
April	744,244	-6.9	140,206	-8.2	884,450	-7.1
May	780,826	-6.3	147,185	-4.8	928,011	-6.1
June	815,870	-5.5	141,955	-4.9	957,825	-5.4
July	829,696	-3.7	141,244	-1.5	970,940	-3.4
August	840,746	-3.0	152,882	-3.1	993,628	-3.0
September	839,352	-3.9	139,836	-7.9	979,188	-4.5
October	948,043	0.6	163,131	-3.8	1,111,174	-0.1
November	912,602	1.1	167,767	-5.4	1,080,369	0.1
December	780,395	-3.6	222,788	-7.7	1,003,183	-4.5
TOTAL 1991	9,662,545	-4.5	1,852,706	-5.7	11,515,251	-4.7

FREIGHT

REVENUE TON-MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



MAIL

REVENUE TON-MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES